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HERE, FOR YOUR INFORMATION, IS TEXT OF REMARKS BY FOREIGN
SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN AT CARDIFF DINNER MARCH 6, ON
BEING GIVEN FREEDOM OF CITY AWARD.

BEGIN TEXT:

MY LORD MAYOR, LORD LIEUTENANT, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL -
WHO ARE AFTER ALL OUR HOSTS TONIGHT: I THANK YOU VERY
MUCH INDEED FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY AS THIS MORNING I
THANKED YOU FOR THE VERY GREAT HONOR THAT YOU HAVE PAID
TO GEORGE AND TO ME IN MAKING US HONORARY FREEMEN OF
THIS CITY.

I WAS GRATEFUL TO YOUR LORD MAYOR FOR THE PARTIAL
ENLIGHTENMENT YOU CONFERRED UPON US ABOUT THE NATURE OF
THE PRIVILEGES WHICH I NOW UNDERSTAND HAVE BEEN REDUCED
TO THE LEVEL THAT GEORGE AND I ARE ENTITLED TO SIT IN
THE DECK CHAIRS IN ROATH PARK. BUT I'M NOT ALTOGETHER
SATISFIED WITH THE LEGALITY OF WHAT YOU SAY, BECAUSE I'VE
BEEN DOING SOME RESEARCHES. AND ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE
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RIGHT IN SAYING THAT THE ACT REPEALED CERTAIN TAXES

FROM WHICH WE WERE HITHERTO EXEMPT, I WANT TO ASK YOU SIR, AS CUSTODIAN OF OUR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES, IN WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES YOU HAVE ABOLISHED THE CHARTER OF KING EDWARD II. BECAUSE IN 1324 - WHAT FORESIGHT THE MAN HAD - HE RELIEVED GEORGE AND ME OF THE FOLLOWING TAXES: WE ARE QUIT OF TOLL, MUIRAGE, PONTAGE, PANAGE, BLASTAGE, STANAGE, PICKAGE, CONAGE, KEYAGE, AND TERRAGE. (AS HEARD)

OF ALL THAT, BUT LET'S HEAR WHAT THE STATUTE SAID. NOT ONLY ARE WE QUIT OF THOSE TAXES - AND, GEORGE, NEVER PAY A HA'PENNY OF THEM - NOT ONLY ARE WE QUIT OF THOSE TAXES, BUT, GEORGE, WE ARE QUIT OF THEM FOREVER THROUGHOUT OUR WHOLE KINGDOM AND OUR DUCHY OF AQUITAINE. AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE DUCHY OF AQUITAINE HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS ACT.

IN ANY CASE, I'LL SWAP ANY THREE OF THEM FOR A SEASON TICKET ON THE BUS FROM THANRUMNY (AS HEARD). LAST SUNDAY I TUNED IN TO THE RADIO EARLY IN THE MORNING AND I HEARD ALASTAIR COOKE GIVING HIS LETTER FROM AMERICA - WE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THE UNITED STATES' INFLUENCE - BUT WHAT HE SAID I TOOK NOTE OF. HE SAID "THERE'S NOTHING MORE BORING THAN YOUR NOSTALGIA TO OTHER PEOPLE". SO, DESPITE THE TEMPTATION TONIGHT, I DON'T PROPOSE TO INDULGE IN IT. I DO, HOWEVER, WANT TO THANK OUR FRIENDS WHO'VE COME FROM FAR AND NEAR TO JOIN IN THIS FAMILY OCCASION TODAY. I'D LIKE TO THANK MY PARLIAMENTARY COLLEAGUES WHO ARE HERE...NOT ONLY JOHN MORRIS WHO WILL BE SPEAKING LATER, BUT ALSO MERLIN REES, A BOY FROM GILVAGOG (AS HEARD) WHO IS NOW - KILVURNETH (AS HEARD) - WHO IS NOW HANDLING ONE OF THE MOST AWESOME RESPONSIBILITIES THAT ANY MAN COULD HAVE. AND WE THANK HIM FOR COMING HERE TONIGHT WITH HIS WIFE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK, ON A DIFFERENT NOTE, DON COLEMAN, THE WHIP, BECAUSE IF HE WASN'T HERE, I WOULDN'T BE HERE. THERE'S A VERY UNFAIR DISTRIBUTION. I'M TOLD THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO FALL TONIGHT BECAUSE TEN LABOUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN EXCUSED THE WHIP HERE, AND ONLY THREE

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CONSERVATIVES. BUT I THANK MY CONSERVATIVE COLLEAGUES WHO I SEE SITTING HERE FOR COMING TO JOIN WITH US ON THIS PARTICULAR OCCASION.

I'D LIKE TO THANK MY FAMILY FOR ASSEMBLING HERE TONIGHT, TOO, AND TODAY, ALL OF THEM. IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO SEE THEM. THEY DIDN'T ASK FOR ME TO ENTER PUBLIC LIFE - THEY HAD NO CHANCE OF DOING THAT - BUT THEY HAD

TO BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES. AND I THANK THEM FOR THEIR
HELP TO ME. AND I ESPECIALLY THANK AUDREY, MY WIFE, FOR

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HER CONSTANT SUPPORT AND LOVE WHICH HAS MADE MY TASK SO
EASY.

I'D LIKE TO THANK MY FRIEND HENRY KISSINGER, THE
DISTINGUISHED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE UNITED STATES
AND NANCY FOR COMING HERE. WE FIRST MET ELEVEN YEARS AGO
BUT WE DIDN'T REALLY GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER UNTIL DURING
THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS WHEN THE TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONE
HAS BEEN OPERATING BETWEEN US. WE'VE EXCHANGED MORE
MESSAGES THAN I CARE TO REMEMBER IN MANY WAYS, THROUGH
TELEGRAMS AND ELSEWHERE, AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO HIM FOR
TAKING TIME OUT TO COME HERE. AND ALSO TO THE UNITED
STATES AMBASSADOR ELLIOT RICHARDSON AND HIS WIFE.

YOU REFERRED, LORD MAYOR, TO THE TRACT ON CIVIL LIBERTY
WHICH YOU SAID HAD INFLUENCED THE FOUNDING FATHERS.
M'LORD MAYOR, THAT INFLUENCE LIVES ON, AND LAST YEAR
ELLIOT RICHARDSON GAVE US A DEMONSTRATION OF IT. IT'S
DIFFICULT TO SPEAK OF HENRY KISSINGER BECAUSE OF THE
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH ARE WORLD-
WIDE - AND THE DEMONSTRATORS OUTSIDE THE CITY HALL WERE

IN FACT A TRIBUTE TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES THE UNITED STATES COVER. WHEN YOU SEE THE SUFFICIENCY OF TOPICS ON WHICH THEY WERE DEMONSTRATING THIS MORNING - HENRY, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COPE WITH IT. BUT I DO WANT TO PUT UNCLASSIFIED

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ON RECORD MY APPRECIATION OF THE MAN. HIS BREADTH OF VISION, HIS IMAGINATION, HIS INGENUITY - ALL OF THEM CONTRIBUTE TO MAKE HIM A MAN WHO THE UNITED STATES IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE AS ITS MOST DISTINGUISHED SECRETARY OF STATE.

THERE WERE MANY BAD THINGS ABOUT THE THIRTIES, BUT OUT OF EVIL CAN COME GOOD. AND WHEN A SMALL BOY, BORN IN GERMANY, LEAVES THAT COUNTRY WITH HIS PARENTS BECAUSE OF THE OPPRESSION THERE AND GOES TO THE UNITED STATES AND CAN BECOME SECRETARY OF STATE OF THAT GREAT AND MIGHTY COUNTRY, IT IS A TRIBUTE NOT ONLY TO HIM - IT'S A TRIBUTE TO THE COUNTRY OF WHICH HE IS NOW A CITIZEN. HENRY, NOW SOMETIMES I KNOW YOU THINK YOU'RE THE FOCUS OF CRITICISM - YOU ARE, AND YOU'RE BOUND TO BE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES YOU CARRY. IF, HOWEVER, YOU SOMETIMES EVEN PERHAPS BY NANCY - LET ME JUST GIVE YOU ONE QUOTATION THAT I HOPE WILL CARRY YOU ON THE WAY. "IN POLITICS, MERIT IS REWARDED BY THE POSSESSOR BEING RAISED LIKE A TARGET TO A POSITION WHERE HE CAN BE FIRED AT".

BUT I THINK HENRY, THAT IS YOUR FATE TODAY. BUT I WANT TO POINT TO THREE THINGS. FIRST OF ALL, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT DEEPLY IMPRESSED ME ABOUT HIM WAS WHEN WE HAD AN EARLY DISCUSSION ON THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS, SHORTLY AFTER HE HAD RETURNED FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH BREZHNEV AND KOSYGIN. AND I WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED - AND LET ME PUT IT ON PUBLIC RECORD - AT THE WAY IN WHICH THIS MAN COULD FEEL THE BURDEN OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHICH THE UNITED STATES HOLDS AND THE WAY IN WHICH HE WANTED TO INSURE THAT THEY COULD NEVER BE USED IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

THAT, I THINK, WAS THE BEGINNING OF MY ADMIRATION FOR KISSINGER. IT'S GONE ON THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP HE'S ON THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS, ON THE ISSUE OF DETENTE - THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THAT, THE MAKING OF IT IRREVERSIBLE. IF HE SUCCEEDS IN THAT WE'LL HAVE EARNED THE TRIBUTE FROM THE WORLD FOR WHICH WE COULD NEVER REPAY. AND NOW HE SETS OFF FOR THE MIDDLE EAST. WELL, THIS EVENING IS A UNCLASSIFIED

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FAMILY OCCASION AND I DON'T PROPOSE TO GO INTO THIS IN
DETAIL - WE HAVE OTHERS YOU WILL WISH TO HEAR, GEORGE
(THOMAS) AND JOHN MORRIS AND HENRY KISSINGER I HOPE IS
GOING TO SAY SOMETHING TO US - BUT I DON'T THINK IT
WOULD BE OUT OF PLACE FOR ME TO EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF ALL
OF US OUR HEARTFELT GOOD WISHES TO YOU, SIR, AS YOU SET
OUT ONCE AGAIN ON A MISSION OF PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

YOUR MISSION CARRIES WITH IT THE HOOPS AND THE PRAYERS -
NOT ONLY OF THE LONG-SUFFERING PEOPLE OF THOSE
COUNTRIES - BUT OF THE PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER WHO FEAR AND
KNOW THAT WITHOUT JUSTICE AND STABILITY IN THAT REGION,
WE MAY BE FACED WITH A CONFLICT WHICH COULD ENGULF US ALL.
THAT IS THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK THAT HENRY KISSINGER

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WICKED AND SENSELESS ACT OF VIOLENCE COULD WELL DRIVE
MANY TO DESPAIR.

GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CONDEMNS THAT VIOLENCE
FROM WHATEVER SIDE IT MAY COME. I HOPE THAT THE MEN AND
GOVERNMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST - THOSE OF GOOD WILL -

WILL NOT ALLOW THESE ACTIONS TO DEFLECT THEM FROM THE PATH OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION. IF THEY DO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE SO DEFLECTED, THEY WILL MERELY BE PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF THE PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE. THEY WILL RUIN THIS MISSION UPON WHICH HE IS ABOUT TO EMBARK. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY IN RECENT WEEKS OF TALKING TO MEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THIS PROBLEM - ON BOTH THE ARAB SIDE AND THE ISRAELI SIDE. THESE CONTACTS CONVINCE ME THAT PROSPECTS DO EXIST FOR AGREEMENTS WHICH COULD BE ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT STEP ON THE ROAD TO A LASTING SETTLEMENT. IT'S IN THAT SPIRIT, HENRY, THAT WE IN WALES WISH YOU GODSPEED. WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT YOUR MISSION WILL CONFOUND THE MEN OF VIOLENCE WHO ARE SO ANXIOUS TO BRING IT TO NOUGHT AS YOU SET OUT ON YOUR THINKING OF YOU EVERY DAY IN WHICH YOU ARE ENGAGED ON THAT TASK.

FINALLY, I COME TO MY FRIEND, GEORGE THOMAS. I SAID, GEORGE, LETS HAVE A SELF-DENYING ORDINANCE BETWEEN US - UNCLASSIFIED

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IF YOU'LL PROMISE NOT TO TELL LIES ABOUT ME, I WON'T TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU. HE'S SPEAKING LAST SO I, ALAS, DON'T KNOW QUITE WHAT HE'S GOING TO SAY.

AS I THINK EVERYBODY IN CARDIFF KNOWS, GEORGE AND I HAVE GROWN CLOSER TOGETHER AS THE YEARS HAVE GONE BY. IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL PARTNERSHIP AND A WONDERFUL COMPANIONSHIP. I'M NOT GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT HIS VIRTUES - WHY SHOULD I? YOU ALL KNOW THEM, AND IF YOU DON'T YOU NEVER WILL NOW. BUT HE HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL COMPANION AND I THINK WE'VE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE, GEORGE, TO HAVE THESE THIRTY YEARS TOGETHER.

ONE FINAL WORD I WANT TO SAY. WE HAVEN'T LOOKED BACK THIS EVENING. WE'RE NOT GOING TO LOOK BACK, WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD. THIS COUNTRY IS PASSING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME. WE'VE GOT VERY SERIOUS PROBLEMS. LET US FACE THEM WITH CONFIDENCE. WE'VE PASSED THROUGH PERIODS LIKE THIS BEFORE. LETS RESOLVE OURSELVES THAT WE'RE GOING TO OVERCOME THEM. LET US MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE VIRTUES THAT ARE POSSESSED BY THE BRITISH PEOPLE - ENGLISH, WELSH, SCOTS AND IRISH - THAT THEY TRIUMPH. THAT THIS GREAT AMALGAM WE HAVE IS MOLDED SO THAT WE CAN EMERGE ONCE AGAIN.

I BELIEVE VERY PROFOUNDLY IN THE FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE. I BELIEVE VERY PROFOUNDLY THAT THAT FUTURE LIES IN A PARTNERSHIP THROUGH THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS - AND ESPECIALLY HERE

TONIGHT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. END TEXT.

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HELP WITH TRANSCRIPT FROM BBC. WILL TRANSMIT ASAP.
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